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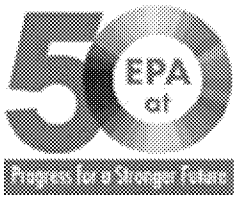
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I received their newsletter and request last week. I planned to send the response to their request alongside the letter. The newsletter just shows that this group is interested in things other than the Superfund site. This may include conspiracy theories if their 5G topic goes like their risk assessment topic and the recent 5G interest I've seen around in the internet. The discussion of EJ is also something we already discussed including why this group is not the right one for EJ.

For my response I will give them Agatha's contact information. Andrew Ross from DDPHE told them that Agatha is their new contact. As for site work I'll give them an update that is no different from the last one I gave them several months ago. I'm not participating in their meeting.

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Please see below the message to me from Betsy, this is just an FYI if you haven't received this information from the State or CAG. The information demonstrates the importance of coordinating/communicating with the State as we move forward with this process. I plan to talk with Tracie about this as part of our weekly check-in this Wednesday.

Aaron Urdiales, Branch Chief  
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## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Can you chat with Tracie about this on Wed? If you need to talk about a strategy with us before that call, just let us know. Thanks  
Betsy

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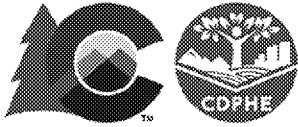
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Please see item 7 for the letter to EPA.

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## Newsletter

### Community Advisory Group(CAG)

EPA Vasquez Bl. / I-70 Superfund Site

Denver, Colorado



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April 21, 2020 Virtual ZOOM CAG Meeting  
5:30 PM (*Please be on time*)

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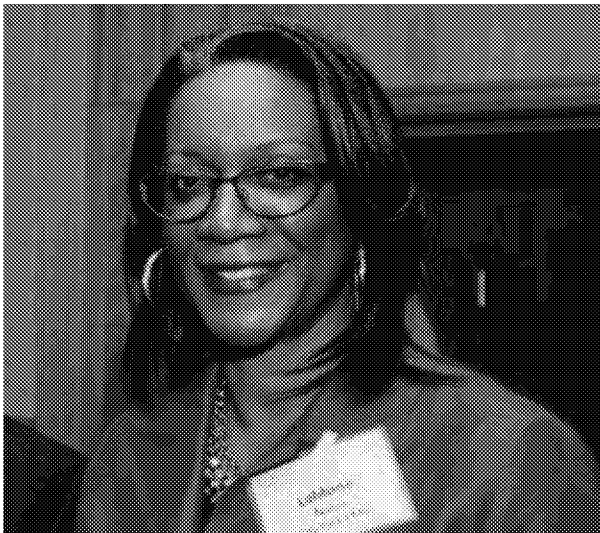
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## Troubled Times ...

Will they bring a new "normal"?



LaMone Noles CAG Administrator

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**We look** forward to hosting our first virtual Zoom CAG meeting on April 21 at 5:30PM. Click [HERE](#) to join meeting. Meeting ID: 180 480 160 Password: 350659

**The CAG** has been very busy during this tragic COVID 19 pandemic. We hope that the cracks it has exposed in our health care system and the glaring short comings visible to all in environmental, social and economic justice, will bring much needed changes and a new "normal."

The CAG ( [Bylaws](#)) is concerned with the entire 4.5 square mile Vasquez Bl./I 70 Superfund site. Boundaries approx: West,South Platte River; East, Colorado Blvd; North, 52nd Ave.; South, 32nd Ave.

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#### 1. Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones



Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones  
(click image to view bio)

Dr. Jones is a rock star physician and public health expert. She has produced a short, graphic video on how racism in health care takes a terrible toll on all of us.

([Click here](#) to view video)

You won't want to miss her fascinating, energetic, [two part interview](#) on Democracy

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Now! on COVID 19, racism, death, poverty and health care in the USA.

As the COVID 19 virus sweeps over our Denver community it has become apparent that our residents of color are infected at a much higher rate than others.

They suffer from many environmentally induced, pre existing conditions.

See article on rates of COVID 19 in Denver neighborhoods.

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## 2. The Long Shadow



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*The Long Shadow: Families in Elyria-Swansea struggle with asthma amid historic I-70*

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*construction*

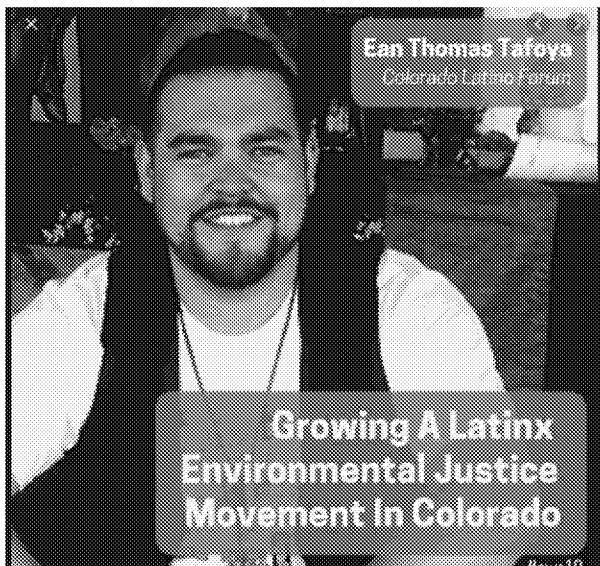
by RJ Sangosti, Denver Post

**These residents** often do not have access to healthy food and adequate health care. In addition, they are constantly exposed to heavy construction pollution as well as noise, air and soil pollution. Their environment makes them sick.

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### 3. Community Petitions Gov.Polis for Relief

Ean Tafoya, Colorado Latino forum



**The Colorado Latino Forum** and many others are asking Governor Polis to halt construction on Highway I 70 expansion and lowering, until the COVID 19 pandemic passes. Such a humanitarian gesture would relieve stress on a population that already suffers from many ailments

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due to exposure to damaging toxins.

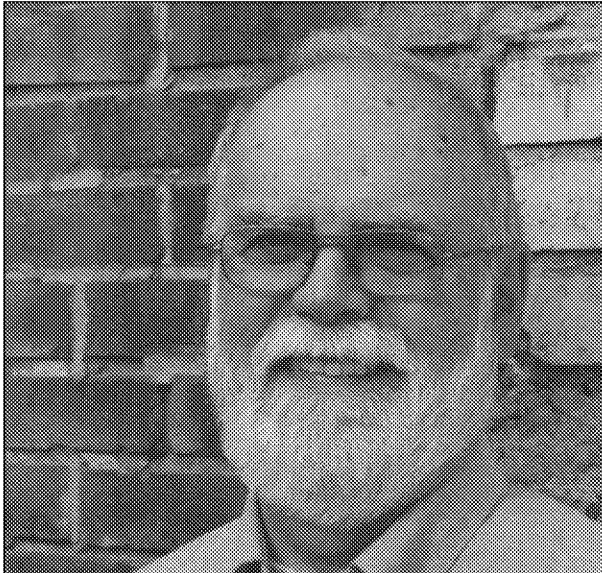
**Please consider** signing this Petition that asks Governor Polis to halt construction of Highway I 70 expansion until the all clear has been sounded for COVID 19.

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#### 4. Recycled **Black Water**

**Will it transmit COVID 19?**

Now is not the time to experiment.



Chuck Norris ( [Click image for resume](#) )

## **Technical Advisor to the CAG**

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Editor's Note: The EPA does not regulate recycled water but it provides [Guidelines](#) that caution:

*"Until more data regarding the detection of active, infectious viruses is available, data generated from seeded studies to evaluate the efficacy of wastewater treatment processes should be carefully evaluated to provide treatment designs that remove infectious viruses." 6-8*

*The VB/I-70 Superfund Site contains schools, parks and playgrounds.*

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## **Mr. Norris' Letter:**

### **Now is Not the Time to Experiment**

Sometime within the next few weeks, City and County of Denver's Parks and Recreation will likely begin widespread seasonal irrigation of parks, recreational areas, greenbelts, and school yards across the metropolitan area. In recent years, City and County of Denver overwhelmingly has used recycled municipal sewage plant effluent from Denver Water ("Purple Pipe" water). It is very likely other municipalities along the Front Range and across Colorado irrigate with similar recycled effluent water, some from Denver Water and some from other suppliers.

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If City and County of Denver (or other municipality) irrigates with Denver Water's Purple Pipe (or other supplier) water at this point, it will be exposing its citizenry to an ill-conceived, unconstrained, and uncontrolled experiment in public health at the worst possible time. The efficacy, the simple morality, of daily misting (aerosol dispersal) in public areas across the metropolitan with sprinkler water potentially containing viable COVID-19 virus is unsupported at present by data, testing, or analyses.

The expectation that recycled effluent will not contain viable COVID-19 virus appears supported only by presumption, supposition, speculation, and faith unsupported by data.

( [READ MORE](#) )

Please forward this letter to interested parties and decision makers. ( [LINK](#) )

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5. A Sick Mother Begs Gov Polis to  
Halt the I 70 Construction While  
They are Confined to Their Homes.

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Mary Hernandez/ Grew up in VB/I-70 Superfund Site. She, her siblings, children and grandchildren all suffer from environmentally linked diseases.

(Click image to see video)

### **Her Letter to Gov. Polis:**

"My opinion of things with this COV19 this pandemic, you maybe can think about putting I70 on hold for awhile.

The people who still live in Swansea, Globeville, and Elyria and having to deal with this situation is catastrophic.

([READ MORE](#))

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### **Program:**

CAG Virtual ZOOM Meeting

April 21, 2020 / 5:30PM

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## **1. Rachael Lehman**

Assistant Professor, Sociology and  
Women's Studies

Community College of Denver\

Chair: CAG Healthy Communities Committee



Rachael Lehman ( [Click image for resume](#) )

- Denver City Councilwoman Candi CdeBaca's call to have SUNCOR Refinery considered non essential during pandemic and shut down for the duration.
  - The potential impact of 5G in our community.
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## **2. Chuck Norris**

Technical Advisor to the CAG

- Update on Operable Unit 2 & 3
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- Recycled Water and COVID19 Virus  
( See Mr. Norris' letter above)
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*7. On April 10, 2020, the CAG Administrator sent the following letter to the Region 8, Environmental Protection Agency:*

Greetings:

We hope this finds you and your families safe and healthy during this troubling time.

The Vasquez Bl./I-70 Superfund Site Community Advisory Group (CAG) will hold a virtual meeting (Zoom) on its regularly scheduled date and time: Tuesday/ April 21, at 5:30 PM. All agency people, CAG members and members of the public are welcome to join in. Look for the CAG newsletter for details.

1) We request that the EPA supply the CAG with the names and contact information for departments (and contact persons) at the City and County of Denver, that are involved in ongoing planning and or work at Operable Unit 2 at the VB/I-70 Site.

2) We request a written update from EPA on the status of planning and work on Operable Unit 2 and Operable Unit 3 to be followed up with a brief presentation and Q and A at the April 21, virtual CAG meeting.

3) As usual, we invite EPA, Denver and CDPHE to

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participate in our regular monthly meetings.

Thanks for your cooperation.

LaMone Noles

VB/I-70 CAG Administrator

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in the work of the CAG. We have been in operation since 2017.

With committed community members and exceptionally talented and experienced advisors, we have established a distinguished body of research and advocacy work and have compiled a large library of historical and contemporary documents.

All of these efforts guide us today and will lead the way for those to follow.

8. Enjoy, reflect and learn from this [poem](#)

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from the **Coronavirus to Humanity**. The author is anonymous. If we don't learn from this pandemic, there will be many more to come.

We wish you luck, health and happiness during this holiday season.

Stay safe,

**LaMone Noles**

CAG Administrator

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